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Town Topics.

WHAT OUR PEOPLE ARE DOING.
ITEMS OF INTEREST PICKED
UP ABOUT TOWN.

"A City That is Set on a Hill Can-
not Be Hid."

Pine Tree Linen at Miss L. C. Hall's.

O. B. Poor of Andover, was in town, Monday.

Harry E. Bacon of Andover, was in town, Monday.

Glassware given away at C. Bisbee's. See ad.

Dr. Harvey of Freeport, was in town over Sunday.

Misses Cora and Alice Bean are staying in Hanover.

E. C. Chamberlin and wife spent Sunday in Portland.

Miss Mabel Allen of Milton, was in the village, Saturday.

Mrs. Sarah Davis has returned to her summer home from Boston.

B. G. McIntire and Walter Bisbee of Waterford, were in town last week.

Miss Alice Mason of Berlin, spent Sunday with her mother, Mrs. O. M. Mason.

Mrs. A. J. Bell has had a concrete walk made from her stable to Church street.

The Rebekahs wish a full attendance at their meeting which occurs Monday night.

Calvin Bisbee is working a crew of men painting and repairing Abial Chandler's buildings.

Friday p. m., the auxiliaries to the different branches of mission work met with Mrs. Purinton.

The Ladies' Club met with Mrs. Henry Farwell last Thursday afternoon and was a most interesting occasion.

S. W. Potter, Esq. of Gilead, has been chosen chairman of the board of selectmen for that town to fill vacancy made by resignation.

The Y. P. S. C. E. will give a communion supper in Garland chapel, Friday evening at 6 o'clock. All are cordially invited.

While returning from North Bridgton, Sunday, the horse of Wallace Mason suddenly shied; a big bear was found close to the road.

A. A. Edson, general agent for the DeLaval cream separators, was in town, Saturday. He reports a large number of sales during the last few months.

A game of ball was played Saturday, between the grammar school nine and the second Academy nine resulting in a score of 64 to 47, in favor of the grammar school boys.

Grace, the two year old child of Chas. Eames of Middle Intervale, died last Thursday evening. The funeral took place Sunday, conducted by Rev. J. W. Lewis.

Miss Sadie Mason has returned from North Bridgton, having met with an accident by being thrown from a carriage. Fortunately no bones were broken but severe bruises were sustained.

Last Thursday afternoon, Mrs. Nellie Russell accompanied by her daughter, Shirley, and Miss Mary Shirley, arrived in Bethel, from Brooklyn, to spend the season at their summer home, "Riverside Cottage."

Mount Abram Lodge conferred the second degree upon one candidate last Saturday evening. It is expected there will be work in the initiatory degree next Saturday; the members are requested to meet at the hall at 7 o'clock, to rehearse the work. Let all attend.

The ladies of the Congregational church are to extend their house cleaning to the church. A new carpet is to be laid upon the floor. All interested in the cleaning and disposed to lend a helping hand will be very welcome Wednesday, and the following days.

E. E. Chapman of Gilead, who has been spending the winter at Lawley, Florida, has returned home and was in our village, Saturday. He tells us that L. C. Philbrook raised this season 350 bushels of strawberries, also that 11,000 bushels were shipped from the station at Lawley.

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COMMUNICATION.

U. S. SIGNAL STATION.
Montauk Point, L. I., May 1st, '98.
Montauk Point is seven miles from the last railroad station and we are seventeen miles from the nearest store, which is at Amagansett.

We do not watch from the lighthouse, but from the shore which is eighty or ninety feet above the sea level. We report every vessel (steam) sighted, giving description, probable character, and so forth. Our vision extends around a good part of the horizon and takes in Gardner's Island, Plum Island, Little Gull Island, Fisher's Island and Block Island as well as part of the Connecticut and Rhode Island shores, and way out to sea to the East and South.

A high power telescope has been added to our equipment and we can see with it every thing that floats at a distance of twenty-five miles. A signal pole is to be erected this week, and by means of flags by day and lanterns by night, can communicate with any ship in range.

There is no harbor here, nothing but a point of land sticking into the ocean and swept by the fiercest gales. There are life saving stations every three miles from here to New York.

We are connected by telegraph with New York, using the railroad wire most of the way.

Nobody knows what the Spaniards are going to do, but it looks as if they would die hard, and it is fight as long as they have anything to fight with. We are on the constant lookout here and can communicate with New York immediately, if anything suspicious looms up on the horizon.

Our supplies are mostly shipped from New York and consist of bread, ham, canned meats and vegetables. Butter we get here and also plenty of fish.

The watches are divided as on board ship, into six periods. We three men cover the twenty-four hours. My watches to-day were from 4 a. m. to 8 a. m., 4 p. m. to 6 p. m., and then I will have to go on again at midnight.

I believe we will have to annihilate Spain before she will give in, and we can do it, but at a sacrifice.

Edmund Clark.

The above was not written for publication, but knowing it is of interest, we are pleased to give it space in our columns.—Ed.

A General Toning Up.

Buxton, Me, May 2, 1898.

The need of a general toning up of the system in the spring is almost universally felt, and for this purpose there is no medicine so popular and so beneficial as Hood's Sarsaparilla. J. H. Gould of this place states that for several years Hood's Sarsaparilla has been taken in his family as a spring medicine, and always with the best results.

Many others here also take it, and everyone speaks in its favor.

Wise Sayings.

No words suffice the secret soul to show. For truth denies all eloquence to woo. —Byron.

—We ought not to look back unless it is to derive some useful lessons from past errors and for the purpose of profit by dear bought experience.—Washington.

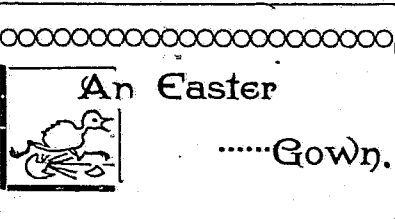
—Thou wilt be great only in proportion as thou art gentle and courageous to subdue the passions.—Fenelon.

Lost wealth may be restored by industry, the wreck of health regained by temperance, forgotten knowledge restored by study; but whoever looked on a vanished hour, or recalled his neglected opportunities—Heaven's record of wasted time?—Mrs. Sigourney.

There is a fire in the southern clime Which shielth only when upon the wing; So it is with the mind: When once we rest, we darken. —Bailey.

"I would not be without Chamberlain's Cough Remedy for its weight in gold," writes D. J. Jones of Holland, Va. "My wife was troubled with a cough for nearly two years. I tried various patent remedies, besides numerous prescriptions from physicians, all of which did no good. I was at last persuaded to try a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy which promptly relieved the cough. The second bottle effected a complete cure." The 25 and 50 cent bottles are for sale by G. R. Wiley, Bethel and G. O. Jones, Bangor, Pond.

The Antiquity of Wigs.
A passage in Polybius has been cited to prove that Hannibal wore a wig. Wigs were probably invented about the time of the first Roman emperors, for we are told that Otho had a scalp of fine leather with locks of hair upon it so well arranged as to seem natural.



An Easter
Gown.

"Will fifty dollars apiece do?"
"Let—me—see. A dress and?"
"Dear papa, certainly!"

The answers were characteristic. Clare stood checking off the different "must-haves" on her fingers; Meg, drawing her father's head against her side, tried to smooth out the lines of care and anxiety that had deepened so much within the last few months. Clare's dark hair and eyes, firm-set mouth and chin, were her father's, while Meg's delicate blond beauty was an inheritance from the idolized wife and mother who had passed away five years before.

"I could, do with less," Meg whispered.

Clare caught the words, and stopping short in her calculations, she exclaimed: "Indeed you could not! I have little enough, but you are positively shabby!"

Mrs. Hunter set Margaret in front of him, and pretended to examine her critically. "I think she'd pass in a crowd, Clare. 'Fair to middling,' or rather, to be exact, fair to rosy," he said, as he drew her on his knee.

"Oh, that's all very well, papa, but Meg must have an Easter hat; and her gown last spring was gray. I told her it would fade, and it did—fairly enough. Indeed, I think we're very good girls to manage with a hundred dollars, Ethel Harcourt has!"

"Harcourt is on the verge of bankruptcy. His wife and daughter are fools—fools, I say—to throw money away as they do."

"Perhaps they don't know, papa. You never tell us anything, and yet you look worried enough," said Meg, anxiously.

Mr. Hunter glanced at the eager, flushed face; for a moment he was tempted to treat the girls as he would have treated the boy whose early death had disappointed such fond hopes, but the clock chimed the half-hour, and the impulse was resisted.

"Well, well, this won't do," he said, "I must be off. Count on me for fifty apiece. Mind its fifty apiece, Clare," he added, as he hurried off.

Clare flushed. "Papa has never forgotten your giving me twenty dollars of your allowance money to pay that horrid bill. You're a darling, but he need not poke at me. Now let's plan our gowns."

A long discussion as to contrasting colors (the sisters were careful to harmonize in color as well as in life) and the advantages of one style over another succeeded.

Meg entered into it heartily, for she had a girl's love for pretty things and did not forget that Tom Davenport would be home from college at Easter. He admired pale green, so she was glad Clare chose that. But beneath all the eager planning there was an uneasy feeling in Margaret's heart.

"Don't you think papa looks worried?" she asked, as the girls rose from the lunch table.

"Oh, everybody is worried—it's almost a fad," said Clare, settling herself for an hour's enjoyment of the new magazine. "Going out, did you say? I advise you to rest to-day, with all our shopping before us to-morrow. I believe in being thorough and looking everywhere."

"Yet you always end by going back to the shop where dear mamma dealt."

"That may be; but I feel more thorough and economical, so I shall drag you in and out all of the shops."

Meg went to the closet and took down the outfit that seemed so pretty last Easter. "Pink is not so becoming as pale green, and the flowers are a little crushed; but I could make it do. I do believe this gray is only faded on the right side—yes, it would turn! Why does Clare think it is so terrible to turn a gown? Grace turns her gowns, and Tom thinks so much of Grace."

Somehow the memory of Tom's likes and dislikes made the prospect of a new outfit very attractive. The winter hat and cloak were doctored, and soon Meg stood at the door of a little Sunday scholar whom she missed from her class; a maid-of-all-work opened it.

"Is Miss Getty at home?"
"Yes, miss, but—" said the girl with evident hesitation.

"If she is busy I will call again," said Meg, about to turn away; but a door was opened at the back of the hall, and some one looked out.

"It's my Miss Margaret," exclaimed a voice, and a girl of fifteen ran forward, greeting her ef-

fusively. "Come right in. I'm so glad to see you."

Margaret suffered herself to be dragged into the shabby parlor.

"No, no, you're not interrupting me; I'm only too glad to get away. I can't do any good, and it is so awful. Papa's in there," Getty added in a low voice, "and he feels dreadfully. He's lost his position."

"Your father?"

"Yes. The firm say they must retrench. Times are hard and they can't afford him. They will give him a good recommendation, but he says he has no chance at his age to secure so good a place."

"O Miss Margaret, it's just dreadful! And as I can't help them, it will do me good to see you for a while and try to forget it."

Meg had not a word to say. In her excitement Getty had quite forgotten that Mr. Hunter was the head of the firm who employed her father. The younger girl, who was at the age when only to sit by her divinity was unalloyed bliss, sat holding Meg's gloved hand, and looking unutterable love with eyes still shadowed by the tears her parent's trouble had called forth. She chatted of her classmates and the Lenten services, then suddenly exclaimed:—

"O Miss Margaret, I've earned and saved five dollars for our Easter offering—we girls wanted such a good collection—but I suppose I ought to give it to mother for bread and butter. Father says he doesn't know where our bread and butter is to come from. But I forgot; I promised mother not to talk to people if they trusted me, and now I've told it all to you!" and poor overwrought Getty fairly burst into tears.

Margaret soothed her, assuring her that her confidence was not misplaced, and would be held sacred. "I'm not a stranger, dear, but your own loving friend. I think it will be a true Easter offering to give the money to your mother. O Getty, dear, think what a good thing it is to have your dear mother with you!"

Meg's voice trembled; she rarely spoke of the aching void in her own heart.

"Yes," answered the girl, love quickening her perceptions: "and you mustn't fret about us, Miss Margaret; things will straighten out, and we're used to hard times."

"Not going shopping! That old hat to do this year! Turn your gray dress, Meg!" Clare's tone became full of meaning.

"Yes," said Meg, firmly, the color flushing cheek and brow. "Papa is pressed for money, Clare. He has dismissed a good man because he can't afford to keep him, and he's Mr. Daggett" (Meg would get her pronouns mixed when excited) "and Getty says they won't have bread and butter—think of it, Clare, actually no bread and butter! Now, dear, you are so clever and capable. I'm sure if you will only help, we could save enough in the housekeeping and on our dresses to let papa keep Mr. Daggett. We could make it our Easter offering—Clare, dear, and—perhaps mamma will know!"

"And we shall be shabby, and have to scrimp." Clare's face was a study.

"Clare," said Meg, speaking very fast and low, "do you remember the last Easter mamma was with us? We had saved our money all Lent, and she let us get cheaper dresses than she intended buying, and gave us the difference in price, and she took us to the Flynns to give them the money. Oh, do you remember, dear, how happy the Flynns were, and the little baby that made mamma think of our brother? They owed two months' rent. Do you remember the talk that Easter Sunday at bedtime? O Clare dear, we can't forget!" pleaded Meg, dashing the tears aside. "She said we must leave this world sooner or later, and the Easter flowers would fade, the Easter gowns be cast aside, but Easter self-denial in His name would last through-out eternity! Clare, can't we do it?"

"And so, papa, we can do with-out the hundred dollars, if you'll only keep Mr. Daggett a month longer. Perhaps times will improve; and Clare says we can save a good deal for you in the house-keeping. I'll be our Easter offering, papa. Better than flowers, mamma would tell us."

"Margaret's own daughters!" was the father's answer, resolving that he should have a share in the Easter economies for Daggett's household.

Tom Davenport's engagement to Margaret Hunter was the talk of all their friends that spring. Had she only known it, the turned gown and the old hat, of which

her lover had retained a charming memory, were the features which at the last moment, decided him to take his fate in his hands and win her loyal yes.—Frances Harris, in Harper's Bazar.

ABOUT FLAGS.

The design for the first national flag is generally accredited, says E. A. Clarke, writing to the "Educational Journal," to Gen. Washington and Col. Ross of the American army. The drawings were taken to Mrs. Betsey Ross who carried on a small upholstering business in Philadelphia, with a request that she make a flag after their design. She readily undertook the work, offering, it is said, one criticism, which was that the stars should consist of only five points instead of six, as shown in the drawing. The required change was made and the work left in her charge.

Those were not the days of sewing machines and the rapid stitching of yards of seams, but the long stripes were slowly and carefully stitched, by the lady's own fingers, doubtless with a constant and hearty wish that victory might hover in its bright folds wherever they were borne by the valiant countrymen. Her horse, with its little front shop, is still standing, and the very window panes through which she watched the coming and going of the "Father of his country" are still preserved.

Congress, then in session in Philadelphia, June 14, 1777, decided upon a national flag, by a resolution, as follows: "Resolved, That the flag of the United States be represented by thirteen stripes, alternately red and white. That the union be represented by thirteen stars, white in a blue field, representing a new constellation."

The colors found in the flag are emblematical; the red of defiance, the white of purity, the blue of justice.

The newly-adopted flag was first unfurled September 11, 1777, at the battle of Brandywine, and soon afterward waved triumphantly over the surrender of Burgoyne, at Saratoga, October 17, 1777.

The first ship to sail under its colors was the "Ranger," commanded by John Paul Jones, of subsequent naval fame, bound for a French port, the guns of which fired the first salute ever offered the American flag by a foreign nation.

Our flag has been called by various names, in song and story, as: "Star-spangled Banner," "Flag of the Free," "Banner of Liberty," "The Starry Flag," "Stripes and Stars," "Old Glory," etc. But by whatever name it may be called, the true American feels an enthusiastic sentiment of patriotism stirring in his heart, whenever its stripes and stars are unfolded to his sight.

Previous to the adoption of the stripes and stars as our national emblem, while each colony had its own flag, several attempts were made to arrange one which might serve the purpose of all. One of these consisted of thirteen alternate stripes of red and white, with a rattlesnake uncoiled diagonally upon it, the warning, "Don't tread on me," being suggestive of the ruling sentiment of the times.

There are various flags in common use of interest to all. Among them the flag of truce bears an important part. It is a white flag, which is displayed to an enemy to show a desire for consultation, and which protects the bearer from the enemy's fire when approaching their lines. After a battle, when both armies wish to send parties to the field to bury their dead and carry off the wounded, they go with safety under the flag of truce, as it is never fired upon in honorable warfare.

A black flag is a piratical emblem and means "no quarter," or, in other words, death to all who are captured by the ship over which it floats. We can well imagine the dismay it must have carried to the hearts of those whose misfortune it was to see its dismal folds displayed at the mast-head of an approaching vessel.

A yellow flag floating over a building, or from the mast of a ship, shows that some contagious disease, is prevailing there.

The expression, "dipping a flag," means lowering it slightly and raising it again as a salute to the vessel or fort.

If the President of the United States makes a sea voyage, the flag is carried at the bow of his barge, or at the masthead of the ship he is on, which is then called a flag-ship. The same is true of the ship commanded by a commodore of the United States Navy.

"The flag of Fort McHenry," whose "brag stripes and bright stars" inspired Francis Key to write our national song, "The Star-spangled Banner," still exists in a tolerable state of preservation,

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WEDNESDAY, MAY 11, 1898.

WAR NOTES.

A full report of Dewey's engagement shows one of the grandest and most remarkable victories that it has been any country's fortune to win. The Spanish fleet wiped out of existence, nearly 800 Spaniards killed or wounded, and the Spanish fortifications entirely ruined, while on the American side not a ship was injured, not a man was killed, and but six suffered injury is the official report.

So the Dons are fighting to save their honor. Well it begins to look as though that would be all they would save, and we doubt if they would save that were it not for the fact that no one wants it.

The government has suspended telegraphic communication between this country, and Spain and Spanish colonies.

Maine's oldest volunteer to fight Spain is ex-Gov. Garcelon, aged 86. He served Uncle Sam through one war, and he was then, thirty-seven years ago, over the exempted age.

While all the laurels given Dewey are justly his, credit must be given to his officers and men, for to a man, they seconded their brave commander in thought, word, and deed.

Uncle Sam was not slow to show his appreciation of the noble work of Dewey and his men. One of the first messages that was sent upon receiving word from him was the official announcement that he would be promoted to Admiral; following this a resolution was introduced into Congress providing \$10,000 with which to purchase a sword for Dewey, and medals for his men.

It is reported that Spain is fitting up a fleet to re-take the Philippines. It will doubtless get a warm reception, as Uncle Sam will see to it that Dewey is properly re-inforced at once.

The insurgents are beyond control at Manila and a merciless massacre of Spaniards is reported. A British warship has gone to their rescue.

The news is confirmed to-day that the Cape Verde fleet which has been reported on its way across the Atlantic to meet Sampson's fleet has returned, and is now at Cadiz.

The diplomats at Washington are seriously discussing a move, looking to the intervention of the European Powers to compel the evacuation of Cuba by Spain and the retention of the Philippines by Uncle Sam until indemnity is paid.

It is believed in London that the return of the Cape Verde fleet means that Spain intends to abandon her West Indian possessions.

Sampson is expected to strike a blow at Porto Rico, to-day.

The transportation of troops from Tampa to Cuba, will begin to-morrow.

LATE BULLETINES.

(8:45 p. m. Monday.)
May 9.—Nine more Castilian warships sighted off Portugal coast, apparently on the way to aid the Cape Verde fleet.

Bloody riot in Spain; Police shooting down the mob.

U. S. ship Oregon, safe in the harbor, Bahia, Brazil.

London, May 10.—A special dispatch from Shanghai, says it is reported that Admiral Montojo, commander of the Spanish fleet, has been killed by the insurgents.

Washington, May 10.—The entire army has been ordered from Chickamauga; the Gulf and 15,000 regulars, and 45,000 volunteers will be landed in Cuba by Sunday.

Washington, May 9.—It is announced that falling to find the Spanish fleet, Sampson will give particular attention to Porto Rico against which he has already moved.

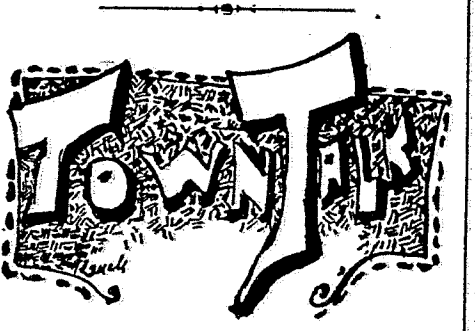
(Tuesday, p. m.)

2nd Me. regiment was ordered home, and will break camp to-morrow a. m.

AN EXAMPLE OF SPANISH TREACHERY.

Hong Kong, May 10.—A fresh example of Spanish treachery seems to have come to light. It is said here that the priests and Sisters of Charity of the Cavite hospital, in a procession, bearing crosses, etc., petitioned Rear Admiral Dewey not to massacre the sick and wounded, which, naturally, he did not do. The Spaniards, it is added, thereupon thanked the Americans for their humanity and repaid them by informing them of a narrow channel, which, they said, was not mined, while the broad channel, they explained, was fully mined. An investigation upon the part of the Americans, however, revealed the contrary to be the case, and the mines were blown up by the sailors of the American fleet.

Rear Admiral Dewey, it is said, here finds the insurgents growing dangerous. It is added that he cannot control them, nor can he enable the Spaniards to do so. There is one Japanese warship at Manila.



Mr. and Mrs. O. D. Ellingwood of West Paris, have been spending a few days with relatives.

The first nasturtium blossoms of the season, were presented to Miss Burnham by Mrs. J. M. Philbrook.

Miss Olive Wheeler will entertain the Epworth League, Thursday evening. All are cordially invited.

Men and medicines are judged by what they do. The great cures by Hood's Sarsaparilla give it a good name everywhere.

The teachers and pupils of the village schools, observed Arbor Day by making three nice flower beds in the schoolyard.

Norman Dudley recently traded with Frank Andrews of Norway, for a nice looking roan horse. Dudley now has a good span.

It will be a source of great pleasure to all lovers of the weird plantation melodies of the colored people, to know that the renowned Canadian Jubilee singers are to favor Bethel with one of their best programs on the evening of May 21st in Odeon Hall.

One Woman's Views.

The patriotic zeal and favor of Col. Edwards is too well and widely known to require comment, and those who have heard him discussing the present difficulty into which the nation is plunged because of its chivalry and hatred of oppression and cruelty, (and who in Bethel has not heard him?), can testify that with age he has lost none of the fire and zeal of youth. That the father's precept and daring example has not been lost upon his children, the following extract from a letter recently received by the Colonel from his daughter at Milan, N. H., bears ample evidence:

"It is a long time since I have heard from you, except through the papers, that you are anxious to go to war. Are you not satisfied that you have done your share for the country? If necessary you have five able bodied boys, each capable of all the requirements of a good soldier."

Does not this war seem a terrible thing? I hope and trust it will soon end, and that our men will not have to be sent to Cuba, for it means death if they go. In reading of the different companies leaving for Augusta, it takes me way back to '61, the morning you with Co. I, left Bethel. I well remember the day, and also the day you enlisted, also the days and months that followed; and when I think of that mother enduring during that time, with five little children to care for, and to hear young women to-fro, they feel ashamed of them, "The new woman."

It seems to me, that if I were a man, I would enlist to-day, but then if I were, I should be just as much of a coward as any one, I presume.

We have one boy in the navy and several who have volunteered from here. I should suppose Bethel would raise a Company as in the old days of the rebellion."

Letter to R. F. Cross.

Mr. R. F. Cross, Bethel, Me.
Dear Sir: If you are going to paint, buy Pure White Lead, Pure Zinc, Pure Linseed Oil and Pure Tinting Colors, and you have the best materials for making the best and longest-wearing paint it's possible to make.

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Yours truly,
F. W. Devoe & Co.

Columbian Club.

From time to time during the past winter, the attention of the public has been called to the Columbian Club, simply to the time and place of meeting, but it seems fitting now, that more than a passing notice should be given to this, the first ladies club formed outside of our churches, also the first to join the State Federation.

The past season has been one of pleasure and profit to those who have taken up the work, which has been a continuation of that commenced a year ago—Grecian History. We have introduced Grecian Architecture this season, which has added much to the interest. These afternoons have all been pleasant, but particularly so, those spent at the hospitable home of our President, Mrs. A. E. Herick, who very kindly invited us for the last meeting of the season, on Saturday afternoon. Modern Greece was our topic and the leader, Mrs. Gehring, after a short, informal talk on the subject, read to us an address on "The Permanence of Greece" by one of the professors of Amherst College. This is one of the finest word pictures of the country and its people as they now appear, and was greatly enjoyed both for its own value, and the pleasing manner in which it was rendered.

After the programme was completed, and while light refreshments were daintily served by our hostess, assisted by the young ladies, we discussed the work of the coming year, and a recommendation was offered that we make Art our study, commencing with Italian and Flemish artists and their work.

This subject led on to the ever practical one of, What can we do to help in the elevating and refining of our schools? If we place good books in the hands of our children and good teachers before them is our duty completed?

It is only begun; we must manifest our interest by often visiting the school home, and by placing upon its walls, copies of the best pictures, which, under the guidance of the teachers may be grand educators. This work of school-room decoration is one in which we propose to engage.

The enthusiasm aroused on last Saturday afternoon, will be sure to produce tangible results in the near future, and when the plans are perfected we feel confident that the general public will heartily co-operate.

Secretary.

MASON.

Joseph Boucher has moved to Berlin, N. H.

Jack McKenzie of Bethel, was to town last Saturday.

Fred Ordway of Gilead, was in town last Sunday.

Several from this place attended Pomona grange at Bethel, May 3.

Bert Littlefield of Stoneham, was in town last week with his peddle cart.

Mrs. Peter Wheeler of Grover Hill, was at Addison Bean's last Friday.

Born in Mason, May 4th, to the wife of Ernest H. Morrill, a daughter.

Ervin Hutchinson went to Bethel last Friday and had sixteen teeth extracted.

Several members of the grange met at their hall at West Bethel, last Saturday p. m.; the next meetings will be held the 1st and 3rd Saturday evenings, at 7 o'clock.

Presiding Elder Corey, will hold quarterly meeting at the church, May 18th, 7:30 p. m.

Why Red Madden Green.
Red irritates one, because it's the complementary color to green, and the eyes of the cattle being fixed so much on herbage anything red impresses their sight with increased intensity.

Births.

In Albany, May 6, to the wife of Lucien Andrews, a daughter.

In Casco, Apr. 30, to the wife of Hall Edwards, a son.

In Newry, May 1, to the wife of H. M. Kendall, a son.

Marriages.

In Norway, May 4, by Rev. E. S. Rice, Nathan E. York and Gertrude M. Holt, both of Norway.

In West Paris, Apr. 30, by Rev. Z. J. Wheeler, Robert E. Shaw and Nora N. Curtis, both of Snow's Falls.

In South Paris, Apr. 30, by Rev. E. J. Haughton, Fred N. Wright and Flora E. Mason, both of South Paris.

Deaths.

In South Framingham, Mass., Apr. 28 Mrs. Emma M. Collins, wife of Dr. O. W. Collins, aged 41 years, 4 months, 7 days.

In Franklin Plantation, Apr. 25, Mrs. Rosie Child, wife of Chas. W. Matthews, aged 40 years.

Our Young Readers.

One Afternoon.

Papa and mamma went out to row, and left us three at home, you know—Roderick, James, and me.

"My dears," they said, "now play with your toys."

Like dear little, good little, sweet little boys.

And we will come home to tea."

We played with our toys the longest while.

We built up the blocks for nearly a mile—Roderick, James, and I.

But when they came tumbling down, alas,

They fell right against the looking glass—

O how the pieces did fly!

Then we played the stars were an Alpine peak,

And down we slid with shout and with shriek—

Roderick, I, and James.

But Jim caught his jacket upon 's tack, and I burst the buttons all off my back, and Roderick called us names.

Then we found a pillow that had a rip, and all the feathers we out did slip—Roderick, James, and I.

And we made a snowstorm, a glorious one.

All over the room. O wasn't it fun, as the feather dikes did fly!

But just as the storm was raging around

Papa and mamma came in and found Roderick, James, and me;

O terrible, terrible things we said!—And they put us all three right straight to bed.

With the empty pillowcase under our head, and none of us had any tea.

Laura E. Richards.

Edgar's Soldier Lesson.

Really it is too bad. Edgar was going out to play soldier. He slipped on the step and twisted his ankle.

"My little lad, must go to bed and get well," said Mamma Gates.

"Boo, hoo!" howled Eddy.

Uncle Casper looked up from his paper and smiled.

"I don't want to go to bed; I want to go and be a soldier," sobbed poor Eddy.

"But, if your ankle is not bathed and put to bed, you will be very lame to-morrow."

"I don't care," whined Eddy; "I don't want to go to bed."

"I thought you were playing soldier," said Uncle Casper.

"Yes, sir."

"Well, what does a soldier do?"

Edgar looked up puzzled. "He marches and he drums," Eddy looked at his drum and began to cry again.

"Is that all he does?"

"He doesn't have to go to bed," whined Eddy.

"But sometimes he gets hurt badly. He is shot in battle. Then what does he do? Does he howl and cry?"

"Now, Uncle Casper was an old soldier whom Eddy admired very much."

"N-o-o-o! I guess not. I don't know," said the boy.

"No. He goes to the hospital. There he is as brave as when he drums and marches."

Edgar wiped his eyes, and looked eagerly at his uncle. "Is going to bed, and not crying being a good soldier?" he asked.

"Yes, my boy, that is the bravest part of it. Now let me be the ambulance—that's a wagon, you know—and take you to the hospital."

Uncle Casper picked up Eddy in his arms, and carried him to his chamber.

"Now I'm going to be a good soldier," said the boy, with a smile. He did not wince when his uncle felt of the sore ankle and bound it up.

"That's a brave lad, Eddy," said his uncle. "Now play it does not hurt and go to sleep."

Half an hour later Edgar was dreaming. He looked like a brave little corporal taking his rest.

Uncle Casper hung up Eddy's flag and gun where he could see them when he waked. The drum with the soldier cap upon it was placed on the bed. Edgar jumped downstairs the next day, and went into camp on the sofa. He whined and complained no longer. He had learned a lesson that a brave man is patient in suffering—Little Men and Women.

The Old Floor.

"O, the stillness of the room, Where the children used to play; O, the silence of the house Since the children went away."

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most of the time now. The merry little feet that used to dance in and out had all gone; some to distant lands and some to homes of their own nearer the home nest.

The boards in the old floor were worn and thin and had to be replaced and the "old mother" was really to have a brand new hard wood floor! The carpenter was coming and mother was sweeping it for the last time; she knew that never again would the dear feet press the old boards, and her tears fell thick and fast.

It was on this floor the little ones crept and learned to take their first steps. Here was where the old cradle rocked the babies to sleep; in this corner behind the stove was Perry's nook on cold mornings, and here by the east window, was Teenie's favorite seat, and this board was Bud's place to roll marbles.

O, nevermore would they come running in for a luncheon or to have a cut finger done up, and to thousand other wants, that only a busy mother knows about.

On that worn sill only a few years ago, the young bride, the last of the flock, stopped to bid a tearful farewell to the weeping mother, who, while her heart seemed breaking, had worn a smiling face till almost the last moment.

With the new floor, came other alterations in the room and the children when at home for a brief visit sometimes say, "O, I wish there had been no changes," and the mother wishes so too.

No. Norway, Apr. 15.

Gilead, Me., April 27th, 1898.

Dear Editor:
I was very much surprised and delighted to receive the nice book you so generously sent me. I shall prize it both because you thought I deserved it, and because every good book is a treasure. With many thanks, I am gratefully yours,

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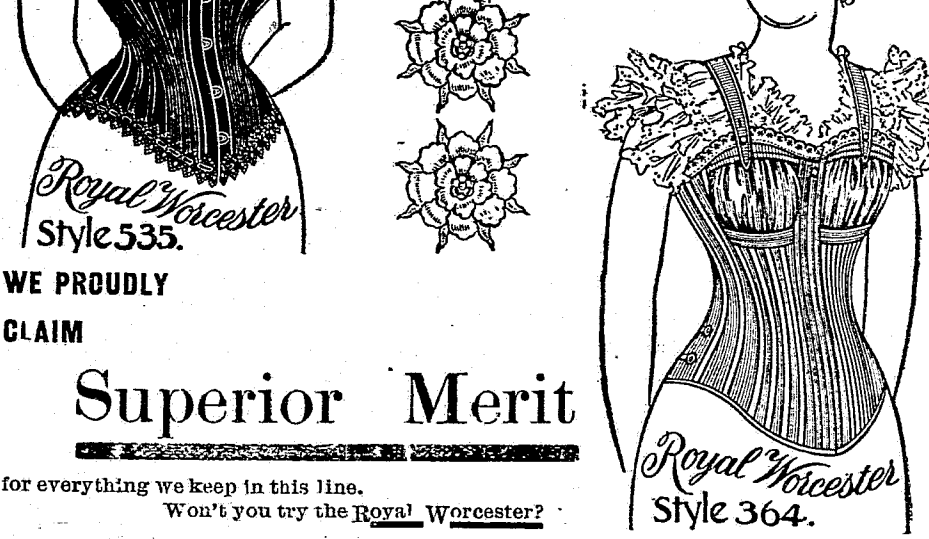
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Edmund T. Matus is boarding at Lewis Tyler's.
Bennie Lapham of Bethel Hill, is working for L. D. Grover.
M. Holt has returned from Portland, and re-opened his store.
Edgar Briggs went to Grafton on Saturday last, and returned Sunday.
Prof. Cook is now able to attend to his business, and his clerk Alton Smith is going to school.
W. F. Brown and wife came down from Berlin, N. H., Saturday and are visiting at J. S. Mason's.
Mrs. Hattie Grover received a letter Friday, informing her of the illness of her mother, whose home is in Grafton, and she went there Saturday to assist in caring for her.
LeRoy B. Brackett came home from Bates College last week, and is helping E. G. Wheeler do his plowing and planting, after which he will go back to Lewiston to work.

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Mr. J. F. Plummer, a well known bicycle dealer of this place, has put a town pump for bicycle tires in front of his store.
The local base ball team defeated that of Bridgton Academy, on the Fair grounds last Saturday afternoon; the score 4 to 2.
Roland Lambie a high school boy has moved out of town onto a farm. His friends wish him much success in his new vocation.
Messrs. A. E. Fuller and C. M. Gray who went to Augusta last Monday as militia men, but who failed to pass the examination have again returned to school.
Mr. Myron W. Maxim who is agent for the Eclipse and Warwick wheels, says he has already sold 26 machines this season, besides having five more ordered which have not yet come.
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A South Paris man who happened to be in Portland last Monday, saw the U. S. battleship Columbia, in the harbor. She was painted a dull lead color instead of the snowy white that she wore last summer, and looked both ugly and warlike.

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Mr. and Mrs. Lucian Andrews are rejoicing over the birth of a little daughter.
The Oxford Pomona Grange meets with Round Mountain Grange, Tuesday, June 7th.
Many will be pleased to learn that Memorial exercises will be held at Albany this year.
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An extensive job of grading has been done on the tannery lot, near the electric car stable. This is one decided improvement to Main street.
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E. W. Bartlett is visiting friends in town.
Judge S. S. Stearns is building an addition to his house.
Thomas Smiley has been in Boston the past week on business.
Reuben Andrews has opened the Gorham Knight store near the bridge.
Capt. F. T. Bartlett of Co. D. is in town enlisting recruits for his company.
Eugene Flood has moved his family to Berlin, N. H., where he is interested in a shoe store.
J. McDonald has moved from the rent in J. O. Crooker's house to Mrs. Haskell's on Main street.

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F. H. Bennett went to Norway last Saturday.
Mrs. Emogene Brown has gone to Rumford to care for Mrs. Alanson Tyler.
N. W. Bennett went to Wild river and got a pair of horses to keep for the summer.
The friends of Mrs. Isaac Morrill, are glad to welcome her back to her home at this place.
Mrs. Cyrus Rolf has returned home from Rumford she is quite ill; requiring the attendance of a physician.
Geo. Kimball stayed in Albany, last Friday night, on his way from Portland to his home in New Hampshire. His uncle, Bryce Kimball, accompanied him to his home, Saturday.
Two quiet weddings took place April 27, the interested parties being George Rolf and Blanche Mills, Douglass Cushing and Georgia Mason. Mr. Rolf and bride moved directly on their farm, recently bought of Daniel Morrill. Douglass Cushing and bride will move soon to their farm recently bought of J. Hastings Bean.

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